

Claim Amendments:

1-5 (canceled)

6 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, wherein the metallic material of said lining includes food-safe metallic materials.

7-8 (canceled)

9 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, wherein said fired nonmetallic mineral material includes one or more materials from the group including porcelain, stoneware, earthenware and glass.

10 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, wherein said lining has an overall vertical dimension that is greater than an overall horizontal dimension.

11-13 (canceled)

14 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, wherein said lining includes stainless steel and said shell includes porcelain.

15-20 (canceled)

21 (currently amended). The vessel of claim 26, wherein said base member is secured to ~~said~~ at least one of said shell wall and said lining in a manner that achieves a water tight seal.

22-23 (canceled)

24 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, wherein said ceramic shell is configured to define a bottom opening.

25 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, wherein said ceramic shell is configured to define a bottom located through opening.

26 (currently amended). A double walled fluid holding vessel, comprising:

a metallic lining having a wall and a bottom configured for holding a fluid;

a ceramic shell consisting of fired nonmetallic mineral material and having a shell wall provided substantially about said metallic lining;

a separate metallic base member that is provided at a base region of said vessel and fixedly secured to at least one of said ceramic shell or metallic lining, wherein said metallic lining and said metallic base member are made of one or more metallic materials from the group of metallic materials consisting of stainless steel, aluminum, titanium, tin, and alloys thereof; and

~~a seal member provided wherein said lining and said shell are~~  
sealed at a top region of said vessel in a manner that forms an air  
and water tight seal between said lining and said shell;

wherein said lining and shell are spaced so as to define a gap therebetween that provides a thermal insulative function;

wherein said lining includes a lip member that extends at least in part over a top edge of said shell; and

wherein said metallic lining is configured in a manner that does not include coupling to an induction heating electrode.

27 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, wherein said fired nonmetallic mineral material includes one or more ceramic materials from the group of ceramic materials consisting of porcelain, stoneware and earthenware.

28 (previously presented). The vessel of claim 26, further comprising at least one of:

a first peripherally disposed recess located at a top portion of said shell to receive said lip member; and

a second peripherally disposed recess located at a bottom portion of said shell to receive said base member.